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SHEEP AND GOAT REVIEW

January Inventory and Fiber Production

Welcome to the Wisconsin Sheep & Goat Review

Let me begin by thanking all participants from the sheep and goat industries for their continued support and cooperation – especially the producers who provide data for *NASS Sheep and Goat* surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be available.

This publication is a compilation of related reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in an effort to provide a complete source of relevant statistics.

Though many of the statistics in this publication can be accessed through our website (www.nass.usda.gov/Publications), this Wisconsin Field Office summary will be issued following the release of the USDA-NASS *Sheep and Goat* reports.

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have. I hope you find this information useful!

Robert Battaglia

Director

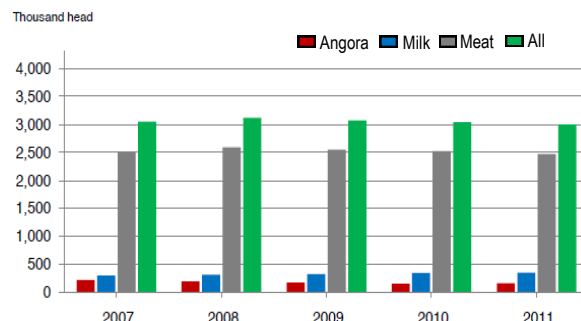
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Wisconsin and U.S. Goat Inventory

Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in milk goat inventory. On January 1, 2011, inventory of milk goats (does, bucks, and kids) in Wisconsin totaled 50,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year ago. Wisconsin's meat and other goats totaled 17,000 head, a decrease of 4,000 from last year. Statewide, there were 1,000 Angora goats, unchanged from last year.

U.S. all goat inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, 1 percent lower than last year. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, and market goats were 514,000 head. The 2010 kid crop was 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009. Meat goats (and goats other than milk and angora) totaled 2.47 million head, down two percent from 2010. Milk goats in the U.S. totaled 360,000, 1 percent higher than the previous year.

Goat Inventory – United States: January 1



Number of Goats and Kids, by use, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, 2009–2011

	Milk Goats			Angora Goats			Meat and Other Goats			Total Goats		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	40.0	47.0	50.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	18.0	21.0	17.0	59.0	69.0	68.0
Iowa ¹	24.5	29.5	31.0	-	-	-	32.5	25.0	25.0	-	-	-
Minnesota	11.5	13.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.0	22.0	25.0	32.5	36.0	38.0
California	37.0	38.0	38.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	95.0	93.0	100.0	136.0	134.5	141.5
Texas	20.0	20.0	20.0	120.0	100.0	110.0	980.0	990.0	950.0	1,120.0	1,110.0	1,080.0
United States	335.0	356.0	360.0	185.0	161.0	172.0	2,549.0	2,521.0	2,468.0	3,069.0	3,038.0	3,000.0

¹ Angora goat inventories not published, are included in United States total.

Goats: Number by Class and Use, United States, January 1, 2010-2011¹

	Milk Goats			Angora Goats			Meat and Other Goats		
	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Total Goats	356	360	101	161	172	107	2,521	2,468	98
Breeding Goats	321	325	101	142	150	106	2,056	2,011	98
Replacement Kids—Under One Year	69	70	101	22	23	105	376	366	97
Does—One Year Old and Older	229	232	101	112	118	105	1,526	1,492	98
Bucks—One Year Old and Older	23	23	100	8	9	113	154	153	99
Market Goats & Kids	35	35	100	19	22	116	465	457	98
Kid Crop ²	252	265	105	83	80	96	1,612	1,566	97

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Kid crop refers to kids born the previous year.

Mohair: Production, Price, and Value, United States 2009-2010

	Goats Clipped		Average Clip per Goat		Production		Price per Pound		Value ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
United States	170.0	181.0	6.2	6.0	1,062	1,085	2.65	3.49	2,817	3,786

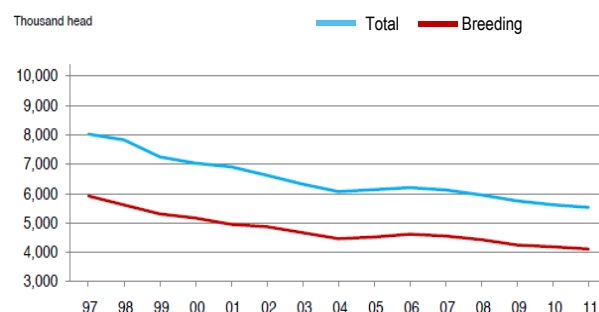
¹ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of individual state values.

Wisconsin and U.S. Sheep Inventory

Wisconsin's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled 90,000 head, unchanged from last year. Total breeding stock was 76,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 14,000. The lamb crop for 2010 was 77,000 head, which is an average of 1.35 lambs per ewe.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, 2 percent lower than in 2010. Breeding inventory was 4.12 million head, and market sheep and lambs totaled 1.42 million head, both down from 2010. The 2010 lamb crop totaled 3.60 million head. Average lambs per ewe were 1.08, unchanged from the previous year.

Sheep Inventory – United States: January 1



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The 2010 U.S. lamb crop was 3.60 million head. Lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes 1 year and older.

U.S. wool production was down 1 percent from 2009.

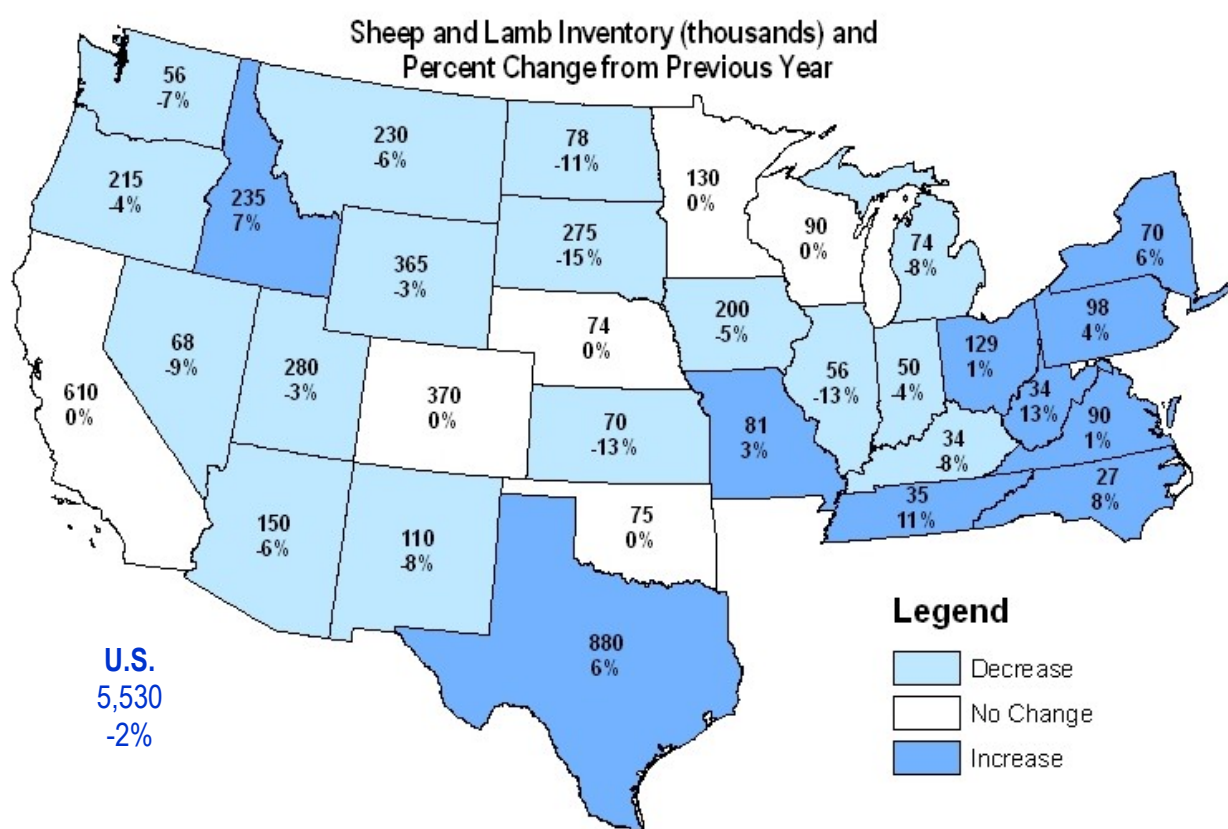
67 percent of Wisconsin sheep producers had fewer than 25 head in 2007.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture counted 2,816 operations with sheep in Wisconsin.



All Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Selected States, and United States, 2010–2011

	All Sheep and Lambs			Total Breeding		Total Market		Breeding Sheep One Year & Older				Replacement	
	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2010	2011	Ewes		Rams		2010	2011
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	2010	2011	2010	2011	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
Wisconsin	90.0	90.0	100	75.0	76.0	15.0	14.0	57.0	59.0	4.0	3.0	14.0	14.0
Iowa	210.0	200.0	95	145.0	130.0	65.0	70.0	116.0	106.0	6.0	5.0	23.0	19.0
Minnesota	130.0	130	100	92.0	95.0	38.0	35.0	76.0	77.0	5.0	4.0	11.0	14.0
California	610.0	610.0	100	320.0	340.0	290.0	270.0	263.0	283.0	12.0	12.0	45.0	45.0
Texas	830.0	880.0	106	650.0	690.0	180.0	190.0	510.0	525.0	35.0	40.0	105.0	125.0
Wyoming	375.0	365.0	97	300.0	275.0	75.0	90.0	240.0	220.0	9.0	8.0	51.0	47.0
United States	5,620.0	5,530.0	98	4,185.0	4,115.0	1,435.0	1,415.0	3,335.0	3,255.0	195.0	190.0	655.0	670.0



Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory, Selected States, and United States, January 1, 2011

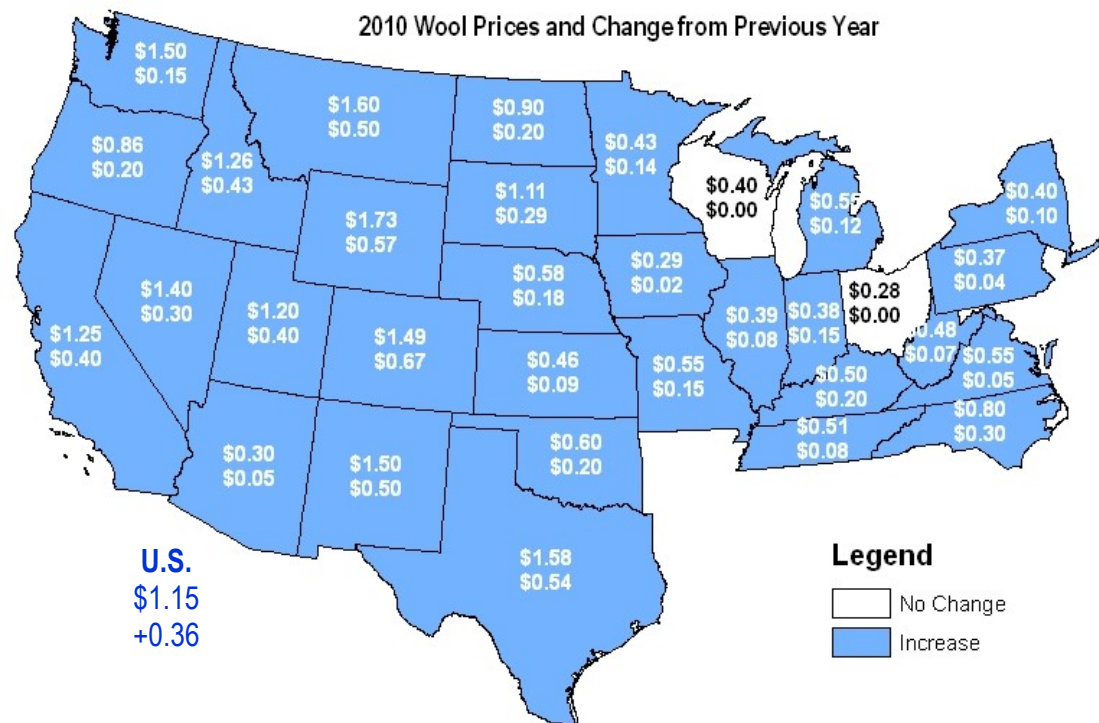
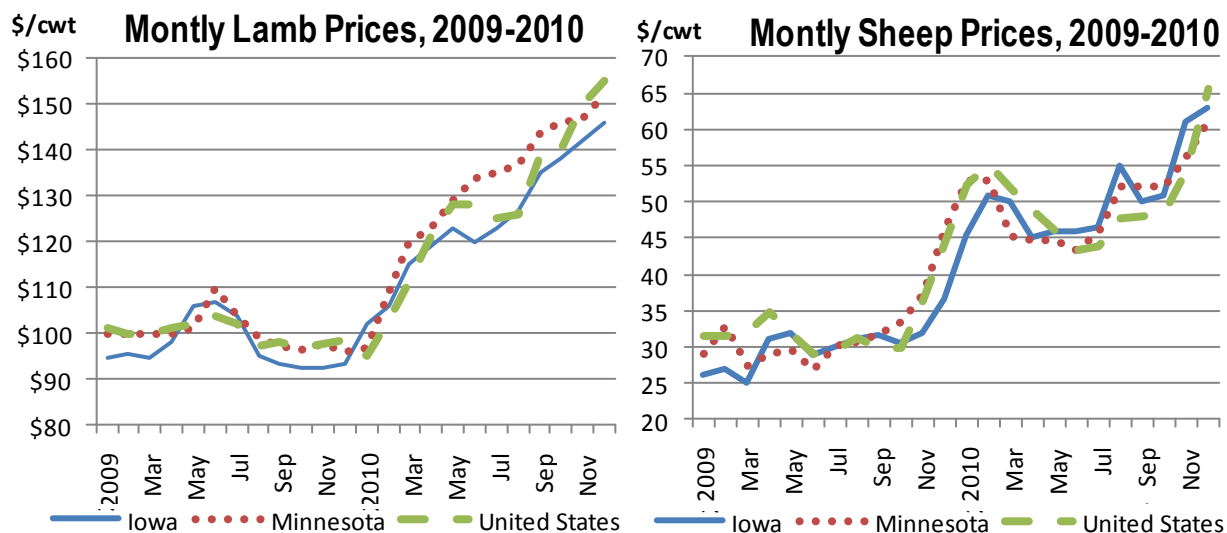
	Market Lambs, by Weight Group, 2011					Market Sheep	Total Market
	< 65	65-84	85-105	>105	Total		
	1,000 Head						
Wisconsin	5.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	12.0	2.0	14.0
Iowa	8.0	8.0	28.0	25.0	69.0	1.0	70.0
Minnesota	8.0	6.0	7.0	13.0	34.0	1.0	35.0
California	140.0	15.0	35.0	70.0	260.0	10.0	270.0
Texas	90.0	29.0	16.0	45.0	180.0	10.0	190.0
Wyoming	2.0	5.0	45.0	36.0	88.0	2.0	90.0
United States	380.0	170.0	300.0	485.0	1,335.0	80.0	1,415.0

Lamb Crop, Selected States, and United States, January 1, 2011

	Wisconsin	Iowa	Minnesota	California	Texas	Wyoming	United States	Unit
Lamb Crop	77.0	160.0	125.0	270.0	370.0	230.0	3,600.0	1,000 head
Lambing Rate	1.35	1.38	1.64	1.03	0.73	0.96	1.08	Lambs per ewe

Sheep, Lamb and Wool Prices

Both lamb and sheep prices have shown increases over the past two years. Monthly prices are not available for Wisconsin, so prices for the U.S. and nearby states are shown below. The most recent price information available for Wisconsin are the 2009 market year average prices. In 2009 Wisconsin lambs sold for an average \$93.40 per hundredweight (cwt.), and sheep for \$30.70 per cwt. Wool prices were up an average of 36 cents per pound in the U.S. to \$1.15 per pound. Wisconsin wool prices were unchanged from a year ago at 40 cents per pound.



Wool: Number Shorn, Production and Price, Wisconsin, and United States, 2009-2010

	Sheep Shorn		Weight Per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound ¹		Value ²	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Wisconsin	64.0	70.0	7.3	7.1	470	500	.40	.40	188	200
United States	4,195.0	4,215.0	7.4	7.3	30,860	30,600	.79	1.15	24,337	35,288

¹ Price includes wholesale and specialty market sales. ² Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of individual state values.



In 2010 Wisconsin had 15 licensed milking sheep herds, and 195 milk goat herds.

Wisconsin ranks #1 in the U.S. for number of milk goats.

The Wisconsin Dairy Goat industry has been growing steadily, and 71 percent of Wisconsin dairy goat operations plan to increase their herd size in the next 5 years.



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TO WISCONSIN PRODUCERS -This report contains a summary of information collected from you for the January Sheep and Goat Survey. Thank you for your support and representation of Wisconsin agriculture. We appreciate your assistance in providing timely and accurate data.

~Robert Battaglia, Director USDA-NASS Wisconsin Field Office

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